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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*7-12 April, Washington, D.C.

A local group of young people calling itself "Environment Inc." during this period (and running concurrently with Washington's Cherry Blossom Festival), is staging a week of demonstrations and workshops entitled "Survival Week." The Atomic Energy Commission has rented a tent to the environmental activists to be used as an exhibit center. The tent has been pitched in the heavily tourist traveled area near the Lincoln Memorial. A spokesman for the group advises that the demonstration was planned for Cherry Blossom Week for two reasons: first because of the large number of tourists expected in the city during this time and second to show a contrast between the blossoms and the polluted air and water near the Memorial. Allegedly, Environment Inc. does not plan to disrupt the festival and will emphasize a broad range of environmental dangers including soil erosion, overpopulation, water and air pollution, and the proliferation of freeways. Highlights of "Survival Week" will be cleanup activities on the Potomac on Sunday and guerilla theater productions at various times and places throughout the week.

9-12 April, Washington, D.C.

The Washington Friends of the Chicago Conspiracy are planning a fund raising art show at the Dunbarton Methodist Church, 3133 Dunbarton Street, N.W., on the above dates.

*11-12 April, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The VMC reportedly is planning to hold an antiwar festival at the University of North Carolina on April 11, 12. One of the main features will be the appearance of Rennie Davis.

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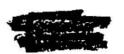


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*12 April, Washington, D.C.

A benefit to be held at the EMERGENCY from 2 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds to go to the April Action Committee--Mobilization/Moratorium.

*12 April, New York City, New York

A "Salute to Youth" program sponsored by the Daily World (communist) will be held at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street. Long time CPUSA youth leader and present national chairman of the newly formed Young (communist) Workers Liberation League, Jarvis Tyner will be a featured speaker.

*13-18 April, Nationwide

The spring antiwar offensive, which began in limited form with the March antidraft actions, culminates the week of April 13-18. Nationwide mass demonstrations, organized locally, will take place in at least 25 major cities on April 15, the deadline for income tax returns and consequently a symbolic date for the new focus on "who profits" and "who pays" for the war in Vietnam.

A partial scenario of the April activities already planned in a number of cities was released last week by the New Mobilization Committee. In addition to the New Mobe plans, the Vietnam Moratorium Committee and the Student Mobilization Committee have also announced actions against the war for the same week.

So far, plans include nationwide student strikes, mass marches and rallies, work stoppages, demonstrations at Internal Revenue Service offices and at corporate stockholders' meetings, a national black referendum on the war and tax refusals. Specific actions and the days of their occurrence vary with each city, but generally the large demonstrations are scheduled for the 15th. A few cities will have marches on the 18th and in those areas where corporations with defense contracts are holding stockholders' meetings the demonstrations will occur later in the month.

The major cities where tentative plans for April were announced are San Francisco, Los Apgeles, San Diego, Detroit, Milwankee, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Cincinatti, Birmingham, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Denver, Houston, and Washington, D.C.

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Other cities include Toledo and Dayton, Ohio: Mobile, Alabama; Knoxville, Kentucky; Buffalo and Ithaca, New York; Hartford, Connecticut; Des Moines and Grinnel, Iowa; St. Petersburg and Gainesville, Florida; Providence, Rhode Island; and Austin, Texas.

13-14 April, Nationwide

A nationwide student referendum on the war in Vietnam will be conducted by American University's Student Association Vietnam Committee in conjunction with the antiwar Student Mobe and the conservative Young Americans for Freedom.

Plans call for a weekend of debates. April 10-12, with the voting following on the 13th and 14th. The results will be sent to the American University student government and results will be announced April 21. The SMC (YSA youth arm) will provide much of the planning and organizational effort on many campuses.

*13-15 April, Nationwide

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee is asking all Americans' who oppose the war to join a Fast for Peace on the above dates. The money saved by so doing should be sent to the VMC to aide the victims of the war in Vietnam (North or South not mentioned in VMC propaganda but presumably both) and in the United States. Funds collected will allegedly be equally divided among the American Friends Service Committee Vietnam Relief Program, the National Welfare Rights Organization and the United Farm Workers of America. Recent VMC publicity implies support for this effort by such well-known personalities as Ramsey Clark, Julian Bond, William Sloane Coffin, Jane Fonda, Mayor Lindsay, Senator McCarthy and others. Reportedly, student council heads at more than 200 U.S. colleges have promised to promote the fast on their campuses and students will ask for a rebate on uneaten meals.

15 April, Arkansas

Support demonstrations of VMC spring offensive in Arkadelphia, Batesville, Clarksville, Conway, Fayetteville, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Russellville and Texarkana, Arkansas, sponsored by Arkansas Moratorium Coalition.





*14-18 April, Atlanta, Georgia

The antiwar activists have designated the 14th as Women and the War day. Discussions on women's oppression in relation to the war are planned at Georgia State and Emory University. The 15th will focus on labor and war taxes and will probably be tied to the current sanitation workers strike. On the 16th, 17th, and 18th of April, demonstrations will be staged in support of the GI antiwar movement at Ft. McPherson and Ft. Benning and a student strike possibly reaching into the high schools.

15 April, Austin, Texas

Antiwar demonstration at the Internal Revenue Service building in Austin, Texas, sponsored by the SMC. Protesters are being urged to bring their 1969 returns to be turned in to the IRS during the demonstration.

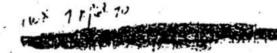
*13-18 April, Boston, Massachusetts and Vicinity

During the week a number of demonstrations are planned in other Massachusetts cities around repression, in support of the Panthers and against taxes and the draft. The main rally is scheduled for Boston on the 15th. The morning of the 15th student strikes at Boston University, Northeastern University and possibly Harvard and MIT will point up local campus complicity in the Vietnam War. Many feeder marches will pause at specific targets such as IRS and Selective Service offices before joining the main rally on the Boston Common. A candlelight march will follow the main rally.

Harvard University Law School students have distributed leaflets reporting that the rally on Boston Common will demand that Congress withdraw all United States troops from Vietnam by December 1.

Early last month 1200 people representing 40 Boston area antiwar groups met at MIT and planned a variety of actions for demonstration week. Included then and probably still on the agenda are: 5-day student strikes, work stoppage where possible, a campaign to put the Vietnam War issue on the ballot, and support for the largest number of people ever to assemble on Boston Common for a rally. (Last October 15 drew about 100,000.)

"A group of Boston area radicals intends to stage a protest march from the Boston Common to Cambridge City Hall at the



conclusion of the April 15 moratorium demonstration on the Common. The organization which drew an estimated 10,000 people to government center last month to protest the Chicago 7 conspiracy trial verdict will demonstrate against the war in Southeast Asia and against 'racism and repression at home."

Spokesman for the group planning the march described Cambridge, the target of the protest, as an "imperial city" by virtue of the location of a CIA office, MIT, and several firms that do war-related research.

In the past, the organization has used several names including "The Day After" and the "November Action Coalition." During the April 15 demonstration it will call itself the "Bobby Seale Contingent." Tactics for the march are uncertain but several organizers of the protest acknowledged privately that it would probably include window breaking and rock throwing. The co-chairman of the Moratorium Committee, Ray Dongan, in denouncing plans for the march to Cambridge, said: "Ours is a non-violent, legal demonstration. There is no one in our coalition who thinks anything is accomplished by breaking windows or spitting on a policeman or yelling obscenities at a passerby."

*15 April, Buffalo, New York

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Antiwar demonstrations at Buffalo will focus on a proposed urban development center and on university expansion in addition to the Vietnam War.

*15 April, Chicago, Illinois

The Chicago Peace Council has called for a mass rally at noon on the 15th at Civic Center Plaza. In the morning the council reportedly will distribute thousands of income tax forms, 1040, with space available for people to indicate how they want their taxes spent. At noon a rally delegate will return the forms to the IRS office. From the Civic Center a mass march is scheduled down State Street to the Federal building where the main rally is to take place. Students from the University of Chicago, Roosevelt University and other Chicago colleges are scheduled to march from their campuses to the Federal building rafly.

*13-18 April, Cleveland, Ohio

On April 13 and 14 students at Case Western Reserve and the Cleveland State College will vote on a war referendum. On the 15th

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under Student Mobe auspices demonstrations will be conducted against rampus complicity in the war and will center on the AT&T stockholders' meeting scheduled in Cleveland on that day. Area students have been urged to cut classes to participate in the demonstration. A delegation of people holding proxies or who are stockholders will attempt to enter the meeting, to obtain the floor and read a prepared indictment of AT&T involvement in the Vietnam War. Meanwhile, high school students will demonstrate next door to the stockholders' meeting where the city's Board of Education has its offices. From that demonstration and a later rally on the campus of Cleveland State, students are scheduled to march to the main citywide rally at the Peace Mall in downtown Cleveland. This rally, called "Festival of Life," is being sponsored by the Cleveland area Peace Action Council.

*15 April, Denver, Colorado

The VMC tentatively plans a mock Boston tea party by spilling tea into a fountain that fronts the Denver Federal building. Civil disobedience is also planned at noon of the 15th when the principal mass rally will take place.

15 April, Houston, Texas

Student strike planned by the SMC as a protest of the war in Houston, Texas. Students at both high school and university level are being urged to participate. Findily Cold Summery Feb. 70

*15 April, Los Angeles, California

Welfare recipients and social workers are scheduled to picket the city welfare center on the 15th as well as County General Hospital and other targets.

The Peace Action Council has issued literature reporting that there will also be a demonstration against the Internal Revenue Service followed by a rally at the Los Angeles City Hall. After the mass rally, a candiclight march will be held through the Los Angeles Civic Center.

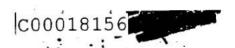
15 April, Miami, Florida

All day rally in front of the Federal Building--speeches and entertainment--sponsor is New Party of Florida.

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*15 April, Milwaukce, Wisconsin

Community issues will be linked with the war and military spending. Milwaukee demonstration sites include a high school which is scheduled for destruction in a Latin American neighborhood because of the inavailability of neighborhood funds.

*15 April, New York City, New York

The main citywide rally is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at Bryant Park in midtown Manhattan. Rallies beginning early in the day at IRS headquarters, at a high school student rally in City Hall park, a West Side rally, a Village rally and another rally at Hammarskjold Plaza near the United Nations will feed into Bryant Park. Mayor John Lindsay is an invited speaker at the Bryant Park affair and because of his participation, the BPP will not be represented. The Panthers have refused to share a speakers' platform with Lindsay.

*15 April, Palo Alto, California

The Stanford University VMC group will conduct a rally at Frost Amphitheater from 0530 to 1200. Following the rally, they plan to march to the IRS office in Palo Alto. The mid-peninsula "Grass Roots" ecology group plans a rock concert in Frost Amphitheater starting at 1300 hours, to raise funds for their activities. The SMC plans a march to the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley as part of their April 15 actions. (1.5. 3/16/70

*15 April, Portland, Oregon

At Portland a march will be held to the building housing the Internal Revenue Service. The estimated one thousand demonstrators will march around the building and a small number of them plan to enter the building.

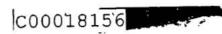
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\$15 April, St. Louis, Missouri

Demonstrations will be held to protest the paying of taxes for war purposes. Rennic Davis, who was recently convicted for violation of the antiriot law, will be the main speaker at St. Louis during a rally on April 15.

Following the rally, a march will be held to the Mississippi River where tea will be dumped into the river to symbolize taxation without representation.

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Demonstration in San Antonio, Texas, to protest the Federal Income Tax, site not announced, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

*15 April, San Diego, California

A local Chicano community organization will lead a march winding through the downtown section and stop at draft board offices and the homes of Congressmen before reaching a central IRS office.

15 April, San Francisco, California

The Downtown Peace Coalition has called for a one day work stoppage on the 15th. DPC literature advises that peace groups throughout the nation have issued the same call and "April 15" promises to be the most successful nationwide call for peace since our entering the Vietnam War." The DPC advises further that the proposed work stoppage has also been endorsed by the International Peace Conference (held in Vancouver, B.C., last February). In recent days the work stoppage has now been endorsed by locals of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union. Additionally a student strike is planned and a noontime rally at the San Francisco Civic Center will be an assemblage of welfare mothers, members of the Downtown Peace Coalition and others.

13-18 April, Spokane, Seattle, Washington

A statewide conference at the University of Washington on 7 March planned a week of antiwar activity (13-18 April) culminating in mass marches in Seattle and Spokane on 18 April.

14 April--designated as day to focus on the relationship of the war to ecology

16 April -- Day of high school opposition to the war

17 April -- Day set for statewide student strike

Another day will be selected to focus on the relation of the war to the oppression of women.

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*15 April, Washington, D.C. and National

Student strikes--primary sponsor is the SMC. Antiwar actions in high schools and colleges, rallies, assemblies, debates, teach-ins demonstrations, discussions, etc.

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#15 April, Washington, D.C.

12 p.m. -- Lafayette Park rally, organized by the D.C. Welfare Mothers and the Women's Committee of the April Action Committee.

4 p.m. -- Picketting and leafletting of the IRS at 12th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

*15 April, Washington, D.C.

The American University chapter of the Student Mobe is taking the opportunity during the planned national antiwar demonstration to get in a few localized "licks" of its own. The AU example will probably be followed at other U.S. colleges. The Student Mobe is the mass action organization of the Socialist Workers Party, whose members control virtually all leadership posts within the Student Mobe. The Trotskyite SWP interest in the Student Mobe goes much deeper than just ending the war, and recently literature published by the AU Student Mobe fully substantiates the thesis of disruption motives of the parent organization. On 15 April, aside from the war strike, AU students are also being prodded to "strike against the administration of AU to demand more student power in decision making." Additionally the students are being encouraged to strike for an Alternative life style, against tuition increases, student placement on the board of trustees, cafeteria facilities, etc. If the war were suddenly to end, the Student-Mobe would mobilize against some alternate establishment institution.

#13-15 April, Detroit, Michigan

Antiwar demonstrations are scheduled for staging on these days: 13 April--The VMC and the New Democratic Coalition are sponsoring a 4 p.m. picket line to march before the Federal building in protest to high taxes for war.

14 April--The Young Workers Liberation League and the Concerned Unionists will stage a demonstration before the General Motors building, Grand Boulevard at Second Avenue, from 4 to 6 p.m.*

15 April -- The Detroit Coalition to End the War Now will stage a 3 to 7 p.m. demonstration at Kennedy Square.

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Reportedly locals of a number of unions including the United Automobile Workers have voted to support the demonstrations demanding immediate and unconditional withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam. Twenty-thousand people are expected for a mass rally.

*14-17 April, Stanford, California

Reportedly, Chicanos will hold a four-day "Week of the Race" rally. Mexican-American leaders from across the United States are to attend.

#16 April, Newport, Rhode Island

The Student Mobe is sponsoring a demonstration at the Officers Candidate School, United States Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island, on 16 April to protest the training of Vietnamese personnel at that installation.

*17-19 April, Ithaca, New York

A celebration to be known as "America is Hard to Find" is to be held at Cornell University as a tribute to Reverend Daniel Berrigan. Berrigan was sentenced to three years for conspiracy, destruction of Government property, and willful hindrance with the administration of the military Selective Service Act and was to begin his sentence on April 1. He is associate director of Cornell United Religious Work. Cornell authorities estimated the celebration could draw as many as 100,000 participants. Folk rock groups are scheduled to provide entertainment, and speakers will include William Kunstler, a defense attorney in the trial of the Chicago 7; David Dellinger, and Douglas Dowd, co-chairman of NMC.

18 April, St. Petersburg or Tampa, Florida

Demonstration sponsored by SMC. New Party of Florida will attempt to organize bus tours throughout the city as propaganda for later demonstrations against pollution. More than 100 antiwar activists from 30 organizations met 7 March in Gainesville and formed Florida's first statewide antiwar coalition—the Florida Antiwar Coalition (FAC). The conference called for a mass march and demonstration in St. Petersburg on 18 April, with local areas building a week of antiwar activity 13-18 April. Peace activists also plan massive demonstrations

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at St. Petersburg from 10 to 18 May, where 30,000 (their estimate) are expected to march for peace. No further details at this time.

*20 April, Ellicot City, Maryland

Missing black militant H. Rap Brown has been ordered to appear in Howard County for his much postponed trial on charges of inciting to riot and arson. He could be held in contempt of court if he is not present and could also be forced to forfeit his \$10,000 bond. Brown's attorneys profess to have no knowledge of his whereabouts. If and when the trial is held, it will have a potential to be the hub of additional violence. WHILL Law Alex 2411 70

*22 April, Nationwide

The new breed of student militants, the environmentalists, formed into such groups as "Environmental Teach-In Inc., Environmental Action, Ecology Action, Active Conservation Tactics," and many others with like names, are laying the groundwork on campuses across the country for a declaration on the 22nd that America must change its way of living or smother in its own waste. To underscore the message, students are considering a range of activities from quiet panel discussions and symposia to blocking traffic on busy city streets.

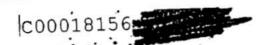
Although the target date for "Earth Day" is April 22, on many campuses the observance will span a week and in some cases a month or more. "Earth Day" was originally conceived by its sponsors—including Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin—as primarily a day of education through environmental teach—ins. The movement has subsequently escalated in a few areas to include rallies, picketting, demonstrations and other protests.

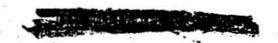
Although New Left activists would undoubtedly like to co-opt, radicalize and take over the ecology movement, now popular on a broad front, and direct enthusiasm toward political goals, indications are that most activities will be orderly and responsible and confined to programs such as lectures, exhibits and seminars. The objective will be to bring home the facts of the environmental crisis.

A spokesman for Environmental Teach-In Inc., advised the press in mid-March that 900 colleges and 3,000 high schools were readying programs for "Earth Day." If trouble comes it will be manifested in attacks on big industrial polluters such as General









Motors, and Standard Oil and directed toward perennial war villains such as Dow Chemical (Dow reportedly has contributed thousands of dollars to "Environmental Action for Survival" at the University of Michigan). Radical activities stemming from the antiwar week of 13 to 18 April staged across the country by the New Mobe, the VMC and the Student Mobe may take some steam out of confrontation protests that might otherwise have occurred.

At a recent meeting at Ann Arbor, teach-in planners met opposition from Marxists who believe that the pollution elimination and environmental control is an evasion of needed social and political revolution. Militant Negro leaders charged that the preoccupation with pollution was a "white middle-class cop-out" from attending to the problems of Negroes and poor people.

Why April 22 was selected (and by whom) for "Earth-Day" observances has caused some concern. Denis A. Hayes, national coordinator of student environmental action, was recently asked why by Kentucky's Congressman Tim Lee Carter. Hayes answered that the date was probably picked by Senator Gaylord Nelson who allegedly originated the teach-in idea. Carter pointed out that the 22nd was Lonin's birthday and Hayes responded "It's also the birthday of Queen Elizabeth, William Shakespeare, Mary Ann Kaufman (a member of Hayes' staff) and her Aunt Alice."

Sampling of Activities for 22 April:

Ashtabula. Ohio--Students at Kent State University plan a mock funeral for the "children of tomorrow" with a horse-drawn hearse leading a cortege of mourners through the streets.

Berkeley, California--The University of California Ecology Action group, one of several groups on the Berkeley campus, are continuing their "survival walk" from Sacramento to Los Angeles.

Boston, Massachusetts--Area college environmental action groups have discussed the blocking of major traffic arteries in the city, including the Callahan Tunnels linking the city to Logan International Airport.

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Detroit, Michigan Wayne State University students plan to picket the General Motors building and may attempt to halt traffic.

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New York City, New York--Anti-pollution activists are discussing tying up traffic on major Manhattan streets and causing disruptions at the corporate offices of companies regarded by student activists as major polluters.

Olympia and Seattle, Washington--University of Washington students plan an "environmental scavenger hunt" to gather examples of various kinds of waste to be delivered to the state capital in order to "bring the environment home to legislature."

Providence, Rhode Island--Ecology activists hope to block off a street and set up a "model transit system" of Volkswagen buses to demonstrate that motor vehicles should carry more than one person thereby reducing traffic as well as air pollution. Similar activity pointing up the problems of one-passenger automobiles is being planned in the San Francisco Bay area.

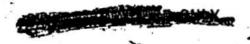
Urbana, Illinois--University of Illinois students hope to use borrowed equipment to clean up a 6-block stretch of polluted stream. A similar effort several weeks ago yielded 30 tons of debris.

Teach-ins, seminars and exhibits are also planned at Pennsylvania State University, the University of Virginia, University of Colorado, the University of Maine, Smith College and many others. It is reported that many student radicals are suspicious of "Earth Day observances, believing them to be too much cooperation with the establishment. The SDS and the YAF, some observers believe, seem to be approaching observances with some reserve. Many members of politically-oriented campus organizations will undoubtedly participate but probably as individuals.

Late April, Nationwide

In a new approach to the antiwar protest movement, the beace activists in concert with many other dissident groups are planning a spring offensive to highlight the economic impact of the war in Vietnam. In addition to the past actions against the military-industrial-establishment which consisted of picketting, propagandizing, and various other forms of harassment and has recently taken the more violent form of bomb threats and actual bombings, a new tactic has been adopted. The New Mobe is sponsoring regional demonstrations at stockholders' meetings of major corporations doing war-related business. While claiming that their actions will be peaceful and nondisruptive, it is

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highly unlikely that such will be the case. Some protest planners have said that no disruptions were planned, but some acts of nonviolent civil disobedience had not been ruled out. In order to gain entry into the meetings, protestors have gathered proxies and will thus be entitled to the rights and privileges of any stockholder.

Some of the proposed sites for activity are stockholders' meetings:

- 14 April -- United Aircraft, East Hartford, Connecticut
- 15 April -- AT&T, Cleveland, Obio
- 22 April -- G. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 27 April -- Boeing, Seattle, Washington
- 28 April -- Gulf Oil Corp., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 28 April -- Honeywell, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 30 April -- Olin, Stamford, Connecticut

*Week of 27 April or 4 May, Santa Barbara, California

Unconfirmed reports have been received that Isla Vista, adjacent to the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) is to be the scene of a disturbance or riot during the week of 27 April or 4 May. Reportedly, protestors, numbering fifty from the Berkeley area, fifteen from San Jose State College and agitators from other campuses, highly organized and heavily armed can be expected in the area. Further, unconfirmed reports have been received that transportation tickets to Isla Vista are now on sale at various campuses for \$5 per person. Indications are that UCSB, Santa Barbara City College and the downtown area will be the area of disruption and burning. Santa Barbara has reportedly been chosen because it is a symbol of establishmentarianism.

30 April, Washington, D.C.

It has been announced that plans are being developed for a "Peaceful March for God" in Washington. Volunteers are being sought to march and demonstrate public pressure in support of repeal of the Supreme Court ban on mandatory school prayers. The House Judiciary Committee has more than 70 bills pending to restore school prayer in some form.

\$30 April, Nationwide

The extremist Student National Coordinating Committed was backing a National Black Referendum on Vietnam to occur during the

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period of March 22-29. This activity, which is to be a polling of blacks in fifty cities across the country, is a proposal to demand the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops and money from South Vietnam. This referendum has been rescheduled to commence on April 30.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.